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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, Applicant hereby respectfully petitions for an extension of time to permit filing a response within the second month subsequent to expiration of the shortened statutory period set in the outstanding Office Action mailed August 28, 2001. A credit card charge in/including the amount of \$400.00 to cover the required fee for the requested extension of time is attached hereto.

It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Account No. 01-2135 (referencing Case No. 500.36133CX1).

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